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SUBJECT ARGENTINE DETAINEE GUILLERMO VOGLER AND RIGHT
OF OPTION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 284482 (B) STATE 285470

SUMMARY: EXPEDITING GUILLERMO VOGLERS RELEASE HAS
BEEN A CONSTANT SUBJECT BETWEEN US AND ARGENTINE
OFFICIALS IN RECENT WEEKS. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
POSITIVE GOA VERBAL ASSURANCES THAT VOGLERS RELEASE
WILL BE EFFECTED SHORTLY. HOWEVER, ONLY ACTION ON
PART OF GOA HAS BEEN HIS TRANSFER FROM LA PLATA
PRISON TO A JAIL IN BUENOS AIRES. PRISON OFFICIALS
INFORMED MRS VOGLER ON DECEMBER 1 THAT A CHECK HAD
TO BE CONDUCTED ON HER HUSBAND WITHIN MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR BEFORE HIS PASSPORT COULD BE ISSUED. SHE
WAS REQUESTED TO RETURN BETWEEN DECEMBER 10-12.
END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DERIAN DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT ON RIGHT OF
OPTION PROGRAM, HEAD OF FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN
RIGHTS ARLIA RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH GOA HAD SERIOUS
RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ALLOWING CONSULAR OFFICIALS TO
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INTERVIEW P.E.N. PRISONERS WHO HAD REQUESTED RIGHT OF OPTION
EMBASSY CERTIFICATES, A SPECIFIC EXCEPTION WOULD BE MADE FOR
GUILLERMO VOGLER AS US EMBASSY HAD ALREADY ISSUED A
CERTIFICATE IN THE CASE. CONSULAR ACCESS WAS ONLY TO COMPLETE
US LEGAL FORMALITIES OF INTERVIEW, FINGERPRINTING, AND
MEDICAL EXAMINATION. ARLIA INDICATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY
WAS WORKING WITH MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR TO MAKE NECESSARY

ARRANGEMENTS. HE RE-AFFIRMED THIS ON NOVEMBER 29, ADDING HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT VOGLER WOULD BE ISSUED A PASSPORT WHEN HE WAS "CLOSER TO RELEASE".

2. MRS LUZ VOGLER CALLED AT EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 29 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ARGENTINE PASSPORT FOR HER HUSXSND. MRS VOGLER INDICATED THAT PASSPORT HAD BEEN PREPARED BUT THAT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS SAID THAT IT LACKED ONE SIGNATURE BEFORE IT COULD BE ISSUED. MRS VOGLER SUBSEQUENTLY, ON DECEMBER 1, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT ACCORDING TO PRISON AUTHORITIES HER HUSBANDS PASSPORT COULD NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL A MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED. PRISON AUTHORITIES TOLD HER TO RETURN BETWEEN DECEMBER 10 AND 12 TO SEE IF THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY. MRS VOGLER FEARS THAT THIS BUREAUCRATIC RUNAROUND MAY IN FACT INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S RELEASE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAVE NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REGARDING TIMING BETWEEN ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY OF P E N DETAINEES TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND THEIR ACTUAL DEPARTURE. LATEST DELAY FOR FURTHER MININT "INVESTIGATION" SEEMS ODD GIVEN FACT THAT MININT WAS AGENCY THAT PROCESSED AND ANNOUNCED VOGLERS ELIGIBILITY TO LEAVE COUNTRY UNDER EARLIER "RIGHT OF OPTION" (LAW 21,499) PROCEDURES. (COMMENT: COMPLICATING FACTOR IN THIS CASE MAY BE PROXIMITY OF RELEASE TO SECRETARY VANCES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISIT. ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES COULD POSSIBLY BE DRAGGING THEIR HEELS ON VOGLER RELEASE TO AVOID IMPRESSION THAT VOGLER DEPARTURE IS BEING EXPEDITED BECAUSE OF REPRESENTATIONS MADE DURING VISIT.)

4. WITH REGARD TO THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF P E N DETAINEES, ARLIA TOLD MRS DERIAN THAT AS US IMMIGRATION STATUTES PROHIBITED ENTRY INTO US OF COMMUNISTS, TERRORISTS AND OTHER POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND AS ALL PERSONS BEING HELD UNDER P E N DETENTION FELL INTO ONE OF THOSE CATEGORIES, THERE APPEARED TO BE NO POINT IN FACILITATING US ACCESS FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES.

5. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE REPRESENTATIONS FOR VOGLERS PROMPT RELEASE.
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